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Saint Paul, MN - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) made the following statement in response to the release of the 2010 Census population data to be used reapportion Congressional districts leading up to the 2012 election cycle. The Census Bureau confirmed that Minnesota will maintain eight Congressional districts for the next decade.

"Due to the tremendous efforts of our citizens and dedicated census workers to ensure every Minnesotan was counted, Minnesota has succeeded in keeping eight Congressional representatives in Washington for the next decade. The loss of a seat would have diminished our state's political power so this outcome is a real success."

"Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul have historically anchored the Fourth District. Communities in northern Dakota County have traditionally been an important part of the district because of economic and geopolitical relationships. The future Fourth District will need to add population, but its boundaries should continue to keep its unique East Metro character."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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